Production of defence items by BHEL

*556. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BHEL has decided to diversify its production line by undertaking production of defence items like guns; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the items to be produced and the annual capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) BHEL has in its product-mix certain Defence items.

More Lok Adalats in the country

*557. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has suggested that delay in dispensation of justice would lead to chaos in the country;

(b) whetrer he has suggested that more Lok Adalats should be set up in each and every corner of the country so as to reduce the backlog of cases in various courts in the country;

(c) whether the Lok Adalats functioning at present have done a tremendous job for quick disposal of a large number of cases that were brought before them; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to set up more Lok Adalats in the country; if so the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister stressed the need for speedy justice to avoid tensions resulting from law and order problems and felt that pending cases could be diverted to the Lok Adalats for providing timely justice to the people.

(c) Lok Adalats, which are voluntary efforts for resolution of disputes through conciliatory and persuasive methods, have proved an effective alternative mechanism for setflement of cases out of courts.

(d) Lok Adalats are not lakin to regularly constituted law courts but are voluntary efforts for resolution of disputes out of courts. These are being organised by the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards and Legal Aid committees in different parts of the country as and when required. CILAS oversees the working of such Boards/Committees.

Language Qualifications for Government Employees

*558. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees in the Central Government Departments are required to be qualified in more than one language; and

(b) if so, what are the language qualifications prescribed for various categories of employees of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNED PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Government has not issued any general orders requiring the Central Government employees to be qualified in more than one language. However,